

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 61, “State Parks and Recreation Areas,” and Chapter 62, “State Forest Camping,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments:

1. Increase the percentage of campsites that may be reserved to 75 percent.
2. Remove the 3 percent credit card processing fee referenced throughout the rules.
3. Establish an online reservation change fee of \$5 and increase the call center change fee to \$7.
4. Establish an online cancellation fee of \$5 and increase the call center cancellation fee to \$7.
5. Change the last day to make a rental facility reservation during the off season to seven days prior to the arrival date.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before October 26, 2010. Such written material should be directed to Sherry Arntzen, State Parks Bureau, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. Ninth Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0334. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-6794 or by E-mail to Sherry.Arntzen@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact Sherry Arntzen at (515)242-6233.

There will be a public hearing on October 26, 2010, at 2 p.m. in the Fifth Floor East and West Conference Rooms in the Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendments.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources to discuss specific needs.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 461A.3, 461A.47, 461A.48, 461A.50 and 461A.57.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subparagraph **61.3(2)“b”(2)** as follows:

(2) Fifty ~~Seventy-five~~ percent of the total number of campsites in each individual campground shall be designated as reservable sites on the reservation system. The determination of which campsites shall be included in the ~~50~~ 75 percent reservable designation shall be the responsibility of the park staff in each park. Park staff shall include a combination of electric, nonelectric and sewer/water sites while taking into consideration campsite characteristics such as location, shade and size. The department ~~shall~~ will review the percentage of reservable sites and usage on a biennial basis and determine whether the percentage of reservable campsites should be changed. A reservable campsite ~~shall~~ will be identified with a reservable site marker on the campsite post.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 61.3(4) as follows:

61.3(4) Reservation transaction fees.

a. *Reservation fee.* A nonrefundable reservation fee shall be charged for each reservation made per campsite or rental facility regardless of the length of stay. The one-time fee is per reservation and is not charged per day or night. This fee is in addition to the camping fees or rental fees established

in subrules 61.4(1) and 61.5(1). The reservation fee varies depending upon the method used when the reservation is made.

(1) Internet reservation — ~~\$4 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable).~~

(2) Telephone reservation — ~~\$6 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable).~~

b. Change fee. A fee of ~~\$5 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable)~~ shall be charged to change an existing reservation.

(1) Reservation change made through the Internet — \$5.

(2) Reservation change made over the telephone — \$7.

c. Cancellation fee. A fee of ~~\$5~~ shall be charged to cancel a reservation.

(1) Reservation cancellation made through the Internet — \$5.

(2) Reservation cancellation made over the telephone — \$7.

ITEM 3. Amend subparagraph **61.3(5)“b”(2)** as follows:

(2) Rentals for October 1 to April 30. The reservation window for rental facilities is 12 months to ~~14~~ 7 days prior to the arrival date.

ITEM 4. Amend paragraph **62.4(2)“b”** as follows:

b. Fifty ~~Seventy-five~~ percent of the total number of campsites in each individual campground shall be designated as reservable sites on the reservation system. The determination of which campsites shall be included in the ~~50~~ 75 percent reservable designation shall be the responsibility of the park staff in each park. Park staff shall include a combination of electric, nonelectric and sewer/water sites while taking into consideration campsite characteristics such as location, shade, and size. The department ~~shall~~ will review the percentage of reservable sites and usage on a biennial basis and determine whether the percentage of reservable campsites should be changed. A reservable campsite ~~shall~~ will be identified with a reservable site marker on the campsite post.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 62.4(4) as follows:

62.4(4) Reservation transaction fees.

a. Reservation fee. A nonrefundable reservation fee shall be charged for each reservation made per campsite regardless of the length of stay. The one-time fee is per reservation and is not charged per day or night. This fee is in addition to the camping fees established in 571—subrule 61.4(1). The reservation fee varies depending upon the method used when the reservation is made.

(1) Internet reservation — ~~\$4 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable).~~

(2) Telephone reservation — ~~\$6 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable).~~

b. Change fee. A fee of ~~\$5 + 3 percent credit card processing fee (if applicable)~~ shall be charged to change an existing reservation.

(1) Reservation change made through the Internet — \$5.

(2) Reservation change made over the telephone — \$7.

c. Cancellation fee. A fee of ~~\$5~~ shall be charged to cancel a reservation.

(1) Reservation cancellation made through the Internet — \$5.

(2) Reservation cancellation made over the telephone — \$7.